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AUDITORS' REPORT.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

Treasurer in Account with the Town of Hollis.

Dr.

To balance in Treasury, March 1, 1871,	$2883 76	
Amount of Taxes assessed April 1, 1871,	8844 62	
Interest on money deposited in Savings Bank,	32 50	
Savings Bank Tax,	1542 99	
Railroad Tax,	853 19	
Literary Fund Money,	8160	
Interest on Taxes collected by Isaac Hardy in the year 1871,	34 94	
Interest on Taxes collected by Albert J. Farley 1871,	29 94	
Error in interest on Taxes, 1870,	22 13	
Error in interest on Taxes, 1871,	89 70	
		$14,415 37

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By Cash paid out as follows:		
Summer Schools,	532 97	
Winter Schools,	1266 53	
Roads and Bridges,	370 84	
Winter Roads,	93 27	
Error in Taxes,	49 77	
Abatement of Taxes,	16 75	
Non-resident Highway Tax,	24 17	
Endorsement on Notes,	213 91	
Notes paid,	1081 73	
Support of poor,	566 00	
Town Officers,	488 50	
County Tax,	1101 39	
State Tax,	3492 00	
Fire Departmsnt,	516 75	
Miscellaneous,	190 82	
Ai Colburn, Collector,	146 02	
Amount carried forward		$101,51 42

Amount brought forward		$101,51 42
Isaac Hardy, Collector,	175 78	
Albert J. Farley, Collector,	869 62	
By Cash in Treasury,	3218 55	
		$14,415 37

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

No. 1.	Charles Richardson,	$82 42	
" 2.	Francis Lund,	39 94	
" 3.	Charles F. Chase,	45 14	
" 4.	D. H. Wheeler,	50 25	
" 5.	C. A. Hale,	38 02	
" 6.	S. A. Worcester,	41 95	
" 7.			
" 8.	Lot Moore,	40 27	
" 9.			
" 10.	J. L. Woods,	46 27	
" 11.	P. M. Farley,	32 16	
" 12.	B. W. Rideout,	42 47	
" 13.	O. P. Eastman,	47 58	
" 14.	T. S. Patch,	26 50	
			$532 97

WINTER SCHOOLS.

No. 1.	Charles Richardson,	$190 00	
" 2.	Francis Lund,	96 00	
" 3.	Charles F. Chase,	70 00	
" 4.	D. H. Wheeler,	137 50	
" 5.	C. A. Hale,		
" 6.	S. A. Worcester,	128 00	
" 7.			
" 8.	Lot Moore,	80 00	
" 9.	Enoch J. Colburn,	139 84.	
" 10.	J. L. Woods,	68 00	
" 11.	P. M. Farley,	87 09	
" 12.	B. W. Rideout,	70 00	
" 13.	O. P. Eastman,	111 10	
" 14.	T. S. Patch,	89 00	
			$1,266 53

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

B. L. Farley,	$ 9 12	
Jacob Aspinwall,	6 00	
Caleb Turrell,	5 00	
J. N. Hayden,	1 50	
		$21 72

Amount brought forward,		$21 72
S. F. Hayden,	5 03	
George Moore,	78 75	
Isaac Fletcher,	2. 00	
Jacob Truell,	13 33	
Luther Lawrence,	6 00	
Timothy Hodgman,	4 33	
George W. Pierce,	7 95	
Foster Lund,	10 00	
S. M. Spaulding,	61 76	
A. D. Marshal,	10 00	
Jacob Aspinwall,	27 80	
J. F. Smith,	12 00	
A. H. Wood,	9 ~~40~~ 50	
J. L. Poole,	16 14	
E. T. Wheeler,	9 40	
E. S. Wright,	1 37	
George Moore,	20 00	
D. M. Smith,	10 60	
Noah Austin,	15 01	
J. N. Hayden,	19 50	
Minot Wheeler,	4 75	
E. H. Read,	4 00	
		$370 84

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

John W. Leach,	$3 25	
Catharine Woods,	6 00	
Cornelia T. Willoby,	7 50	
		$16 75

NON RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX.

C. F. Smith,	1 68	
Jesse A. Hardy,	2 62	
A. J. Farley,	7 60	
E. T. Wheeler,	3 55	
Jacob Truell,	42	
Luther Lawrence,	6 31	
E. S. Colburn,	1 26	
Isaac Hardy,	73	
		$24 17

ENDORSEMENTS ON NOTES.

Eunice B. Hardy,	42 98	
Sarah J. Hardy,	47 51	
Charlotte Dow,	9 00	
Abagail Lawrence,	52 48	
Philanthropic Society,	61 94	
		213 91

NOTES PAID.

James Hardy,	527 69	
D. Adams,	439 27	
Rebecca Noyes,	114 77	
		1081 73

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Francis Lovejoy,	327 00	
Wm. A. Colburn,	50 00	
Francis Lovejoy,	189 00	
		566 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

H. W. Willoughby, Superintending School Committee,	60 00	
Isaac Hardy, Sexton,	40 50	
Isaac Hardy, Town Clerk,	20 00	
Josiah N. Hayden, Sexton, 1870,	4 00	
First Selectman, Luther Proctor,	80 00	
Second Selectman, Daniel M. Smith,	65 00	
Third Selectman, George A. Burge,	65 00	
J. E. Smith, Auditor,	5 00	
Charles W. Hardy, Auditor,	5 00	
Charles B. Richardson, Town Treasurer,	20 00	
Albert J. Farley, Collector,	60 00	
Francis Lovejoy, Overseer of Poor,	35 00	
Wm. A. Colburn, Overseer of Poor	25 00	
Stillman Spaulding, Moderator,	4 00	
		488 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. C. Hildreth, blanks,	$2 00	
B. L. Farley, desk for Town Hall,	20 60	
B. L. Farley, carrying Elmer S. Woodbridge to Reform School,	10 00	
E. T. Wheeler, return of births, deaths and marriages,	19 75	
H. W. Willoughby, return of births and deaths,	3 25	
James L. Chase, repairing vane on church,	5 00	
Luther Proctor, books and blanks,	4 50	
Joseph Gates, warming, cleaning and lighting Town Hall,	8 00	
Joseph Gates, ringing bell,	57 00	
Joseph Gates, furniture for Town Hall,	7 97	
Amount carried forward,		$138 07

Amount brought forward,		$138 07
Joseph Gates, repairing settees,	13 50	
Isaac Hardy, recording births and deaths,	5 25	
R. W. Berry, printing 1871 reports,	24 00	
Charles F. Chase, painting and varnishing desk in Town Hall,	4 00	
Charles B. Richardson, to paying State and County tax,	6 00	
		$190 ~~28~~ 42

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Fire Wards, Engine Hose,	465 75	
Charles B. Richardson, paying engine men,	51 00	
		$516 75

WINTER ROADS.

J. N. Hayden,	4 99	
D. W. Pierce, 1869,	2 33	
" " 1868,	6 42	
" " 1870,	10 33	
J. L. Poole, 1870,	8 91	
J. A. Coburn, 1870,	45 54	
Luther Lawrence, 1870,	7 75	
A. H. Wood, 1869,	4 50	
Theodore Wheeler, 1870,	2 50	
		$93 27

ERROR IN TAXES.

E. E. Colburn,	2 25	
Lucas T. Wright,	2 25	
Freeman Farrar,	2 25	
E. T. Wheeler, Exr.,	18 75	
Jacob Miller,	64	
N. J. Tuttle,	7 23	
Levi Abbot,	1 50	
Isaac Van Dyke,	7 50	
Charles Richardson,	2 90	
E. T. Duncklee,	4 50	
		$49 77

State tax,	$3,492 00	
County Tax,	1,101 39	
Amount carried forward,		$4,593 39

NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN, WITH INTEREST, CAST TO MARCH 1, 1872, AS PRESENTED BY THE TREASURER.

March 3, 1872, Lutetia M. Johnson,	$912 66
Feb. 28, 1872, Minot Farley,	519 35
Aug. 15, 1859, Charlotte Dow,	170 25
April 15, 1868, Leonard Farley, Guardian for Rideout heirs,	556 05
March 31, 1868, Jeremiah Wood's estate,	325 91
April 18, 1868, Eunice B. Hardy,	636 40
April 18, 1868, Sarah J. Hardy,	318 20
April 16, 1869, Stearns Needam,	1,583 85
April 13, 1869, Almon D. Marshall,	660 41
April 14, 1869, Sybil Wheeler,	723 91
Feb. 27, 1869, Woods & Bailey,	478 64
Jan 28, 1871, Philanthropic Society,	482 32
Nov. 18, 1871, " "	550 00
April 12, 1871, Wm. R. Pierce,	1,590 10
Jan 29, 1864, Abagail Lawrence, not before reported,	73 26
June 27, 1864, Abagail Lawrence,	104 66

STATE OF THE TREASURY.

Amount of Notes against the town,	9,685 97	
School Money in Treasury,	976 80	
Orders drawn and not paid,	12 50	
Superintending School Committee, usually paid about	60 00	$1,049 30
Amount of liabilities,		$10,735 27
ASSETS.		
State Bounty,	3,600 00	
United States Bounty,	2,071 60	
Ai Colburn, Collector,	146 02	
Isaac Hardy, "	175 78	
Albert J. Farley, "	869 62	
Cash in Treasury,	3,218 55	
		$10,081 57
Leaving the town in debt		$653 70.

JOSEPH E. SMITH,
CHARLES W. HARDY, } Auditors.

Hollis, March 1, 1872.

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Rec'd of old Board,	$6 70	
" D. Greenwood for the rent of Widow Jonas Blood's House, 1871,	20 00	
" from County,	1 00	
Income of Widow Jonas Blood's Place,	57 86	
Rec'd of Town,	566 00—	$651 56
Which we account for as follows:		
Paid for Boarding Isaac Farley	139 00	
" Boarding and Clothing Widow Jonas Blood,	219 65	
" Boarding and Clothing Frank D. Farley,	40 00	
" D. J. Moore for his mother,	10 00	
" John E. Scribner,	84 44	
" Boarding and Clothing Abbie N. Farley,	91 37	
" Warner Reed services as Auctioneer	1 00	
" J. C. Hildreth, printing Bills	35	
" Stationary & Stamps	1 50	
" Dr. H. W. Willoughby Medical		
" Attendance on Stillman Blood,	6 00	
" Dr. H. W. Willoughby, Medical Attendance on Henry Stearns,	3 00	
" Dr. H. W. Willoughby, Medical Attendance on R. C. Kendall,	19 00	
" Dr. H. W. Willoughby, Medical Attendance on Abbie N. Farley,	5 25	
" Dr. H. W. Willoughby, examining Persons supposed to have the Small Pox,	1 00	
" Transient Paupers, the same being due from the County,	8 00	629 56
Leaving in our hands,		22 00

FRANCIS LOVEJOY, } Overseers of the Poor
WILLIAM A. COLBURN, } for the Town of Hollis.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

PERHAPS in some respects our schools have been as prosperous during the past year as could reasonably be expected. All, but four of the teachers had previous experience in teaching; some of them of several terms, and the Prudential Committees of the various districts are generally to be commended for their wisdom in the selections made.

A good English education, aptness to teach, order, system, thoroughness and enthusiasm—necessary qualifications in a good teacher—were not possessed by all the nineteen teachers employed during the year. While the larger part succeeded creditably, three or four deserve especial commendation

No cases of corporal punishment are reported. It is the conviction of your Committee, however, that had the rod been used judiciously our schools would not have suffered. Order is "Heaven's first law," and it ought to have some place in the elements of a good education; but in this respect many of our schools are defective. Some of the pupils are very irregular in their attendance. When Schools are so small as ours, this habit lowers the standard seriously. Numbers 1, 2, 6, 10 and 14 are especially delinquent in this respect. Your attention has been called, in previous reports, to the many defects of our Schools.

Your committee do not see much improvement upon the past, indeed they deem any great improvement impossible, unless the town adopts a different system, by which more competent teachers may be secured, and the size of the schools, and the average number of weeks of School increased.

We would recommend that the town resolve itself into one district; that it build a suitable house near the centre, for a graded school, and have four or five primary schools in the most remote parts of the town. By this plan our number of schools would be reduced to six or seven, doubling the number of

scholars. A system of classification in the various studies would then be possible. The money now expended in compensating 14 teachers would be sufficient to secure the services of 6 or 7 *experienced* and efficient teachers.

By this system the length of our schools might average 30 weeks a year, instead of 19 11-12 as at present; much of the money which is now paid to other educational institutions would be saved; and the youth of the town would all enjoy the same opportunity of securing a good English education at home.

Until the plan now suggested can be carried out, we would recommend that the town vote to appropriate a part of the school, money toward the support of a high school for a portion of the year, say ten weeks in the fall, and eight in the spring. We owe it to ourselves, to our children, and through them to our country, to see that the youth of the town enjoy as good educational advantages as we are able to give them. It is certainly poor economy for us to continue in the present state of inaction in regard to our schools; "there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty". We are persuaded that if the town should try, for five years, the plan suggested, it would have no desire to return to the present system. Real estate would be more valuable, and all our material interests would be more prosperous. The inconvenience which some would experience in having to go a greater distance to school, would be far more than counterbalanced in the better education secured, and in the general good.

Hoping that some such measures as we have suggested may be adopted by the town, we will not enter upon any detailed account of the condition of some of our school houses with their out-buildings. With such accommodations we need not be surprised if the manners, health and morals of the youth become vitiated.

During the past year there have been 276 different scholars, 165 boys, and 111 girls attending our district schools. Four male teachers taught four terms; average pay $45.00 per month; and fifteen females twenty-three terms; average pay $25.20.

The aggregate number of weeks which the schools have been in session 277, 102 in summer, and 175 in winter; average length in weeks 19 11-14.

The School Committee has made 62 visits to the schools; the Prudential Committee 15; other citizens 315.

It is due to some of the scholars to say that they made very commendable progress in their studies. Some are apt to learn, and well advanced, considering their advantages and years. On the other hand some have allowed outside attractions to occupy too much of their attention. Out late at night two or three

evenings in the week, is not conducive to clearness of mental perception. If anything has been gained by the attractions alluded to, we are certain that much more has been lost. The *important* has been sacrificed to the *unimportant.*

Miss Carrie F. Proctor taught, with great success, a subscription school of 12 weeks, in the fall. The number who enjoyed the advantages of this school was about 46. We regard Miss Proctor, who has also taught in two of the district schools of the town, as a superior teacher, and we wish that we had more like her.

We refer you to the accompanying table for names of teachers, number of weeks' school in each district, etc. No. 13 had three terms; the table includes the fall and winter terms in the the number of weeks opposite "winter"; the other statistics are for the fall term, which was larger than the winter.

Sixteen children between the ages of 4 and 14 reported as not attending school.

JAMES LAIRD,
T. G. WORCESTER, } School Committee.
DAVID PERRY,

Hollis, N. H., March 1, 1872.

No. of District.	Summer and Winter Terms.	Names of Teachers.	No. of Weeks' School.	Whole No. of Scholars.	No. in Reading.	No. in Spelling.	No. in Penmanship.	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Grammar.	No. in Geography.	No. in Composition.	No. in History.	No. in Book-Keeping	No. in Algebra.
1.	Summer	Essia S. Ober,	10 1-2	33	33	33	26	31	12	20	6	3		
	Winter	Geo. A. Ober,	12	48	48	48	22	44	20	28				4
2.	Summer	Nellie E. Gates,	7	8	8	8	2	5	3	2				
	Winter	Delia M. Smith,	13	15	15	15	10	14	2	8	8			
3.	Summer	Nellie A. Hale,	8	14	14	14	14	13	2	8		2		1
	Winter	Nellie A. Hale,	10	11	11	11	11	9	2	6	1	1		1
4.	Summer	A. Augusta Lock,	10	16	16	16	12	12	3	7	7		1	
	Winter	A. Colburn Wright,	11	21	21	21	18	18	6	7	5	3	2	
5.	Summer	Nellie A. Hale,	6	13	13	13	13	13	5	9		1		
	Winter	Nellie A. Hale,	12	18	18	18	6	18	7	8	4	1		
6.	Summer	Carrie F. Proctor.	6 1-2	15	15	15	5	8	2	4	1			
	Winter	Ralph E. Tenney,	12	21	21	21	13	16	6	5				
7.	Winter	Frank E. Hadley,	15	11	11	11	9	10	3	6	6			
8.	Summer	N. Maria Smith,	10	12	12	12	6	10		5				
	Winter	Addie F. Pierce,	12	12	12	12	6	10		4				
9.	Winter	Carrie F. Proctor.	17	19	19	19	14	18	11	11				
10.	Summer	Mattie B. Stevens,	8	11	11	11	5	9	2	5			1	
	Winter	Mattie B. Stevens,	10	15	15	15	7	11	1	7				
11.	Summer	Nettie L. Field,	10	9	9	9	7	9	5	4				
	Winter	Emma L. Joseph,	14	15	15	15	15	15	10	4	9	3		
12.	Summer	A. F. Merrill,	8	13	13	13	5	9	2	6		1		
	Winter	Marie A. Bowers,	10	13	12	10	10	11	3	4		2		1
13.	Summer	Annie Pierce,	9 1-2	10	10	8	3	7	2	4	2			
	Winter	Emma S. Ober,	16	24	24	24	15	20	8	18	3			
14.	Summer	Lucy A. Robbins,	9	15	15	15	8	8	1	7				
	Winter	Lucy A. Robbins.	11	14	14	14	10	10	2	7				

NAMES OF PUPILS NEITHER ABSENT OR TARDY.

SUMMER TERM.

No. 1.

Emma L. Vandyke,
Nettie Parkhurst,
Minnie Austin,
Mary Polluck,
Clara Sargent,
John E. Laird,
Carrie E. Richardson,
Minnie C. Laird,
Sarah E. Laird,
Nellie Sargent,
Charlie Polluck.

No. 2.

Willie W. Pierce,
Freddie D. Pieree.

No. 3.

Nellie Chase,
Frank Chase,
Nellie Blood,
Bertie Turner.

No. 4.

Rosaline M. Patch,
Nellie H. Parker,
Arthur L. Hall,
Marietta Patch,
Hattie M. Wheeler,
Fred R. Parker.

No. 5.

Marietta Dow,
Frank Dow,
Allie Eaton,
Henry Greenwood,
Alice Hardy,
Carrie Holden,
Nellie Lovejoy,
Frankie Lovejoy,
Mary Rideout,
Alice Wheeler.

No. 6.

Ida Colburn,
Abbie E. Flagg,
Flora Colburn,
Charles Colburn.

No. 7, No School.

No. 8.

Jennie S. Seaver,
Eldora L. Mooar,
Walter L. Mooar,
Oofard S. Moody,
Nellie J. Fletcher,
Cora M. Willoby,
Laura M. Willoby,
George E. Hill.

No. 9, No School.

No. 10.—None.

No. 11.

Nellie L. Cameron
Lizzie A. Farley,
Nellie M. Mooar,
Abbie J. Cameron,
Emma L. Farley.

No. 12.

Mary A. Rideout,
Frankie Stearns,
Lizzie Twist,
Nellie Truell.

No. 13.

Minnie S. Perkins,
Nellie Eastman,
Fred. C. Willoby,
Etta L. Eastman,
Elsie Willoby,
Minnie Austin,

FALL TERM.

Katie Sexton,
Nellie Lovejoy,
Elsie Willoby,
Albert Richardson,
Charlie Colburn,
Carrie Richardson,
Nellie Eastman,
Etta L Eastman,
Fred C. Willoby,
Edward Colburn,
Ira Hayden.

No. 14.

Lizzie M. Hardy,
Frank N. Hardy,
Willis F. Hall,
Nettie A. Patch,
Herbert T. Patch.

WINTER TERM.

No. 1.

Frank F. Proctor,
Charles E. Hardy.
John E. Laird,
Eva M. Stickney,
Charles Polluck,
E. Clara Stickney,
Carrie E. Richardson,
Lucy A. Stickney,
Minnie Austin,
Willie T. Proctor,
Daniel J. Sexton,
Walter E. Stickney,
Belinda H. Flaherty,
Sarah E. Stickney,
Minnie C. Laird,
Emma J. Hayes,
Katie J. Sexton.

No. 2.

Jeray C. Bell,
Willie W. Pierce,
Freddie D. Pierce.

No. 3,

Nellie Chase,
Lura Hildreth,
Erank Chase,
Bertie Turner,
Minnie Turner.
Eddie Turner,
Georgie French.

No. 4.

Oseela Patch, Marietta Patch.
Arthur L. Hall,

No. 5.

Carrie Holden, Allie Wheeler.
Frankie Lovejoy,

No. 6.

A. S. Colburn, G. E. Holmes,
L. F. Flagg, W. E. Colburn,
Abbie E. Flagg, Elora Colburn.
Ida Colburn,

No. 7, Not closed.

No. 8.

Hattie A. Fletcher, Nellie J. Fletcher.
Eldora L. Mooar, Walter L. Mooar.

No. 9.

Francis C. Greenwood.

No. 10.

Charles F. Hayden.

No. 11.

Wilbert H. Cameron, Wilbert P. Farley,
Georgie W. Skelton, Lizzie A. Farley,
Abbie J. Cameron, Nellie M. Moore.
Emma L. Farley,

No. 12.

Eva H. Rideout, Mary A. Rideout,
Oraanna B. Shattuck, Nellie M. Truell.
Lizzie M. Nutting,

No. 13.

Minnie Perkins, Nellie Eastman.
Maggie Connor, James Connor.
Fred C. Willoby,

No. 14.

Addie M. Bills, Nellie W. Bills,
Lizzie M. Hardy, Nettie A. Patch,
Frank N. Hardy, George H. Patch.
Herbert T. Patch, Charles H. Duston.
Willis F. Hall,

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